

USPS® Support of IDEAlliance® Specifications

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1. Introduction

The Postal Service® will release software for the *PostalOne!*® and FAST® systems that include IDEAlliance Mail.dat® and Mail.XML™ specification support. The schedule for *PostalOne!* releases is published on the RIBBS website at https://ribbs.usps.gov/intelligentmail_schedule2015/releaseoverview2015.cfm

This document contains information on timelines for the Mail.dat and Mail.XML version start and discontinuation dates for the following functionalities:

1. eDoc and Postage Statement Functionality
 - a. Mail.dat Job Submissions
 - b. Mail.XML Job Submissions
2. Data Distribution Functionality
3. Profile Management (MID-CRID) Functionality
4. FAST Functionality

USPS future support for Mail.dat and Mail.XML may change as we move closer to the December 2014 timeframe.

1.1 Help Desk Contact Information

- For the *PostalOne!* system – If you have any questions, please contact the *PostalOne!* Help Desk by email at postalone@usps.gov or by calling 1-800-522-9085.
- For FAST – If you have any questions, please contact the FAST Help Desk by email at fast@usps.com or by calling 1-877-569-6614.

2. Specification Support Timelines

This section lists the Mail.dat and Mail.XML version start and discontinuation dates for *PostalOne!* releases that introduce new USPS functionality.

2.1 eDoc and Postage Statement Functionality

2.1.1 Mail.dat Job Submissions

January 12 & 26, 2014

- **Mail.dat supported versions are Mail.dat 13.1 (including errata 13.1.0.1 and Minor base 13.1.1.0) and Mail.dat 14-1.**
- USPS supported Mail.dat 13.1 (including errata 13.1.0.1 and base 13.1.1.0)
- USPS partially supported Mail.dat 12.2 for submissions after January 12, 2014 for mailing dates that were processed before January 26, 2014, and to update previously submitted mailings.
- Mail.dat 14.1 did not support a mailing date before January 26, 2014

August 24 & September 7, 2014

- **Mail.dat supported versions are Mail.dat 14.1 (including errata 14.1.0.3) and Mail.dat 14.2 (including errata 14.2.1.0)**
- USPS partially supported Mail.dat 13.1 for submissions after August 24, 2014 for mailing dates that were processed before September 7, 2014, and to update previously submitted mailings.
- Support for Mail.dat 12.2 ended August 24, 2014

November 9, 2014

- **USPS will continue to support Mail.dat 14.1 and 14-2**

January 25, 2015

- **USPS will continue to support Mail.dat 14.1 and 14-2***
- USPS is anticipated to support Mail.dat 14-2 Errata version.

** USPS future support for Mail.dat specific code version will become known as we approach the December 2014 timeframe.*

2.1.2 Mail.XML eDoc - Job Submissions

January 12 & 26, 2014

- **Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML 13.0A, 13.0B, and 15.0A**
- USPS partially supported Mail.XML 12.0A submissions after January 12, 2014 for mailings with mailing dates that were processed before January 26, 2014, and to update previously submitted mailings.
- Mail.XML 15.0A did not support mailing dates processed before January 28, 2014.

Note: Support for Mail.XML 12.0A ended August 24, 2014.

August 24 & September 7, 2014

- **Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML 15.0A and 16.0**
- USPS partially supported Mail.XML 13.0A and 13.0B submissions after August 24, 2014 for mailings with mailing dates processed before September 7, 2014, and to update previously submitted mailings.
- Mail.XML 16.0 did not support mailing dates processed before September 7, 2014
- Support for Mail.XML 12.0A ended August 24, 2014

Note: Support for Mail.XML 13.0A and 13.0B ended October 26, 2014.

November 9, 2014

- **USPS will continue to support Mail.XML 15.0A and 16.0**

Note: Support for Mail.XML 13.0A and 13.0B ends November 9, 2014

January 25, 2015

- **USPS will continue to support versions Mail.XML 15.0A and 16.0***

** USPS future support for Mail.XML specific code version will become known as we approach the December 2014 timeframe.*

2.2 Data Distribution Functionality

January 26, 2014

- **Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML 11.0D, 12.0A, and 12.0B, 14.0A**
- Support for Mail.XML 11.0D ended August 24, 2014.

August 24 & September 7, 2014

- **Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML 12.0A, 12.0B, 14.0A and 16.0**
- Support for Mail.XML 11.0D will ended August 24, 2014

Note: Data Distribution Mail.XML 16.0 deployed with the August 24, 2014 release

November 9, 2014

- USPS will continue to support versions Mail.XML 12.0A, 12.0B, 14.0A and 16.0

January 25, 2015

- USPS will continue to support versions Mail.XML 12.0A, 12.0B, 14.0A and 16.0*

* USPS future support for Mail.XML specific code version will become known as we approach the December 2014 timeframe.

2.3 Profiles Functionality

January 25, 2014

- Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML 12.0A, 12.0B and 14.0A

August 24 & September 7, 2014

- Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML 12.0A, 12.0B, 14.0A and 16.0
- Profiles Mail.XML 16.0 deployed with the August 24, 2014 release.

November 9, 2014

- USPS will continue to support versions Mail.XML 12.0A, 12.0B, 14.0A and 16.0

January 25, 2015

- USPS will continue to support versions Mail.XML 12.0A, 12.0B, 14.0A and 16.0*

* USPS future support for Mail.XML specific code version will become known as we approach the December 2014 timeframe.

2.4 FAST Functionality

January 12 & 26, 2014

- Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML 10.0, 12.0A, 12.0B, 14.0A

August 24 & September 7, 2014

- Mail.XML supported versions are Mail.XML 10.0, 12.0A, 12.0B, and 14.0A

November 9, 2014

- USPS will continue to support versions Mail.XML 10.0, 12.0A, 12.0B, and 14.0A

Note: Support for Mail.XML 10.0 ends July 2015

January 25, 2015

- USPS will support versions Mail.XML 10.0, 12.0A, 12.0B, 14.0A and 16.0*

* USPS future support for Mail.XML specific code version will become known as we approach the December 2014 timeframe.